

Media consolidation is dangerous and un-American. A free press hangs in the balance. Sinclair Broadcasting is demonstrating this to us all right now. They are forcing an agenda on local communities. The FCC has a legal and moral obligation to set things right.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the companies' bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please strengthen media ownership rules! Thank you.